

Nursing Facility – Mental Health Provider Memorandum of Understanding

_____ (Nursing Facility) and _____
(Mental Health Services provider) agree to implement and collaborative program of care for individuals with mental illness as described in this Memorandum of Understanding.

The purpose of this MOU is to develop a partnership between the nursing facility and mental health service provider to implement a system of care that supports the effective movement of a resident with mental illness to his/her highest level of functioning.

MOU Objectives

1. To clarify roles and responsibilities of nursing facility and mental health providers for services to nursing facility residents with major mental illness.
2. To promote a structured and comprehensive approach to the care and treatment of residents with mental illness in nursing facilities.
3. To ensure compliance with Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) federal regulations of appropriate placement, services and length of stay.
4. To ensure the provision of federally mandated Level II Specialized Services by mental health providers and specialized rehabilitation services by the nursing facility.
5. To promote the provision of transition assessment and preparedness services.
6. To promote communication and collaboration between nursing facility and mental health service providers.
7. To provide guidelines for treatment provision.
8. To promote scheduled resident assessments of service effectiveness and transition potential based on resident level of need.
9. To promote interventions that promote a decrease in negative behaviors and frequency of acute behavioral or mental health related episodes.
10. To support interventions that promote appropriate length of nursing facility stay, reduce psychiatric inpatient admissions and utilization of ER services for non-medical issues by residents with MMI.
11. To establish a method of accountability for both nursing facility and mental health service providers.

_____ (Nursing Facility Agency Authority) agrees to:

- Shared decision-making with mental health service provider regarding admission of individuals with major mental illness to nursing facility.
- Establish certification and/or continuity of care plan, when needed, prior to admission.
- Participate in a pre-placement conference with mental health service provider for individuals referred to the nursing facility for placement.
- Collaborate with mental health service provider, prior to admission, to develop a joint service provision plan based on Level II requirement and complete any other required PASRR preadmission documents for individuals entering their facility.
- Provide Level II required specialized rehabilitative services in conjunction with specialized services provided by the mental health services provider.
- Identify a single contact person for the coordination of services.
- Communicate significant treatment issues, and/or change in medical or psychiatric condition with the mental health service provider.

- Active involvement in joint transition readiness assessment and preparedness services for appropriate residents receiving mental health and/or psychiatric treatment.
- Schedule and arrange resident reviews based on individual resident needs that include all significant internal and external clinical providers.
- Ensure that space is available in the facility for required mental health services.
- Assist residents to participate in mental health services away from the facility.

_____ (Mental Health Services Provider Agency Authority) agrees to:

- Shared decision-making with nursing facility regarding admission of individuals with mental illness to the facility.
- Establish certification and/or continuity of care plan, when needed, prior to admission.
- Participate in a pre-placement conference with designated nursing facility staff, prior to admission, for individuals referred for placement to develop a joint service provision plan based on Level II requirements and complete any other required PASRR preadmission documents.
- Provide Level II required specialized services in conjunction with the facility's specialized rehabilitation services.
- To develop and implement crisis incident prevention plans for residents who are at risk for utilization of emergency room services for psychiatric related issues as part of the joint service provision plan developed prior to admission.
- To identify and implement interventions to prevent resident escalation to the point where he/she can not participate in emergency evaluations safely at the nursing facility.
- Provide emergency evaluations at the nursing facility if the resident can be safely evaluated at that location. To include these interventions on the joint service provision plan developed prior to admission.
- Identify a single contact person for the coordination of services.
- Communicate significant treatment issues and/or change in medical or psychiatric condition with the designated nursing facility coordinator of services.
- Participate in treatment effectiveness reviews for nursing facility residents receiving mental health and/or psychiatric treatment to include participation and/or input from nursing facility coordinator of services.
- Active involvement in joint transition readiness assessment and preparedness services for appropriate residents receiving mental health and/or psychiatric treatment.
- Seek appropriate placement for residents demonstrating readiness for transition to less restrictive community placement.

Nursing Facility Representative

Name _____

Title _____

Mental Health Services Provider

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

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